

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A surface panel having a major dimension, a minor dimension and a thickness dimension, a side edge of said panel corresponding to said thickness dimension, a face surface of said panel facing toward a room and being substantially coplanar with a plane defined by said major and minor dimensions, a back surface of said panel being opposite of said face surface,

wherein each side edge is multifaceted and includes:

a first surface intersecting said back surface;

a second surface intersecting said first surface and substantially parallel to said face surface;

a third surface intersecting said second surface and substantially orthogonal to said face surface; and

a fourth surface intersecting, and being beveled relative to, said third surface;

wherein, in a circumstance in which two of the surface panels are located adjacent each other such that respective said third surfaces are substantially abutting, the fourth surface is arranged so as to also represent a surface of a reveal formed between the two adjacent panels.

2. (Previously Presented) The surface panel of claim 1, wherein the fourth surface intersects said face surface.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The surface panel of claim 1, wherein said first surface is substantially orthogonal to said back surface.

5. (Original) The surface panel of claim 1, wherein said surface panel is a ceiling panel for a suspended ceiling.

6. (Original) The surface panel of claim 1, wherein said surface panel is a wall panel for an acoustical wall system.

7. (Original) The surface panel of claim 1, wherein a height of said third surface is about half of the distance between said second surface and said face surface.

8. (Original) The surface panel of claim 7, wherein said distance between said second surface and said face surface is $15/16$ inch, a length of said third surface is about $15/32$ inch and wherein the bevel of said fourth surface is defined by an imaginary triangle having a first side, a second side and a hypotenuse, said first side being coplanar with said third surface and having a length of about $15/32$ inch, said second side having a length, L , in the range of about $1/16$ inch $\leq L \leq$ about $1/2$ inch.

9. (Original) The surface panel of claim 7, wherein L is about $1/16$ inch.

10. (Original) A surface paneling system including a plurality of surface panels each having a major dimension, a minor dimension and a thickness dimension, a side edge of said panel corresponding to said thickness dimension, a face surface of said panel facing toward a room and being substantially coplanar with a plane defined by said major and minor dimensions, a back surface of said panel being opposite of said face surface,

wherein each side edge is multifaceted and includes:

a first surface intersecting said back surface;

a second surface intersecting said first surface and substantially parallel to said face surface;

a third surface intersecting said second surface and substantially orthogonal to said face surface; and

a fourth surface intersecting, and being beveled relative to, said third surface;

wherein said plurality of panels are arranged in an array in which respective third surfaces abut against each other without intervening framing material; and

wherein, at any two such abutting panels, a triangularly grooved reveal is formed by respective said fourth surfaces due to the beveling such that said array of panels' exhibits a grid of said triangularly grooved reveal.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein said surface paneling system is a suspended ceiling system.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said surface paneling system is an acoustical wall system.

Claims 13 - 37 (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) The surface panel of claim 1, wherein the fourth surface is a continuous surface.

39. (Currently Amended) The surface panel of claim 1, wherein the third surface is more outboard, relative to an imaginary radius extending from a center point of the surface panel and sweeping out an imaginary plane substantially parallel to the back surface, than the first surface.

40. (Previously Presented) The surface panel of claim 1, wherein the first, second, third and fourth surfaces together present a generally convex conformation.

41. (Previously Presented) The surface panel of claim 1, wherein the fourth surface is substantially planar.

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